

Hawai'i Commission on Fatherhood



The Hawai'i Commission on Fatherhood is seeking funding in the 2008 Legislative session to establish an office and staff to successfully accomplish its mission. This is consistent with other State Commissions.

2008 PLAN OF ACTION:

- Secure State funding to staff an office to carry out the mission of the State Commission on Fatherhood (SB2226 / HB2194).
- Present a statewide "Balancing Work & Family" fatherhood conference as an event for Father's Month in June;
- Present the fourth Parent-Friendly Business Awards at the Hawai'i Children and Youth Month's annual luncheon at Washington Place in October;
- Continue its website at DHS with comprehensive local and national resources for fathers, families, and agencies that work with fathers;
- Distribute \$45,000 in TANF grants to community organizations to support their fatherhood activities for families;
- Initiate a father involvement public education and awareness media campaign; and
- Develop state agency policy and legislative recommendations based on the analysis of data from the statewide self-assessment survey.

State Commission on Fatherhood: Greg Farstrup, Chair (*Hawai'i Coalition for Dads*); Marika Ripke, Secretary/Treasurer (*Hawaii Kids Count, UH Manoa*); Barrett Awai (*Kawaiah'o Church*); Bernard Carvalho (*Office of Community Assistance, Kaua'i County*); Merton Chinen (*Office of Youth Services*); Mike Dias (*Alu Like-Hilo*); Dennis Kajikawa (*Dept. of Education*); Loretta Fuddy (*Dept. of Health*); Myrna Murdoch (*Children's Rights Council of Hawaii*); Henry Oliva (*Dept. of Human Services*); Tom Read (*Dept. of Public Safety*); Russell Suzuki (*Dept. of Attorney General*); and Sylvia Yuen (*Center on the Family, UH Manoa*).